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**EXECUTIVE ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS OF
GENERAL APPLICABILITY, AND STATEMENTS
ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR
PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(3)**

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*** ARIZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE BOWL DAY ***

[M08-166]

WHEREAS, we all recognize the importance of nurturing, encouraging and acknowledge the science and math skills of Arizona's middle school students; and

WHEREAS, we all recognize the need to continue to build the foundation for the state's future economic strength in the technology and science sectors; and

WHEREAS, we all recognize the need to continue establishing the state's educational viability in the disciplines of science and math; and

WHEREAS, we all recognize the need to create visibility for the state's science and math skills among middle school students;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2008 as

*** ARIZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE BOWL DAY ***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this first day of April in the year Two Thousand Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** ARMENIAN REMEMBRANCE DAY ***

[M08-168]

WHEREAS, throughout their history, Armenians have suffered sad losses of their population; and

WHEREAS, these needless losses have decimated the Armenian population; and

WHEREAS, those who survived have continued to hope and strive for a world free of the desire to destroy any single race of people; and

WHEREAS, traditional to the Armenian custom, April 24th has been designated as a day to remember and honor those Armenians who lost their lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2008 as

*** ARMENIAN REMEMBRANCE DAY ***

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G O V E R N O R

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ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** FOSTER CARE MONTH ***

[M08-167]

WHEREAS, we believe that all children need safe, strong families to succeed in life; and

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our communities and our State; and

WHEREAS, more than 3,500 foster families and 1,500 kinship families have already opened their hearts to nurture and support foster children whose families are in crisis, playing a vital role in helping children stay in their own schools and communities and helping families heal and reconnect; and

WHEREAS, there is still a tremendous need for foster families to care for children while their families remedy the circumstances that led to foster care; and

WHEREAS, dedicated foster families often become adoptive families for foster children who cannot safely return home;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 2008 as

*** FOSTER CARE MONTH ***

and urge all citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities to honor the many individuals who care for Arizona's children, as well as the public and private organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

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ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** GET READY TO READ! SCREENING DAY ***

[M08-164]

WHEREAS, Arizona Literacy & Learning Center, Circle of Support Pediatric Therapies, Valley of the Sun United Way, Murphy School District Family Resource Program, Burton Barr Library, Borders Bookstores, and National Center for Learning Disabilities offer parents pre-literacy help through the Get Ready To Read! Screening Day Program, with the goal

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of ensuring that all children are prepared and equipped to begin their educational careers and a lifetime of learning; and

WHEREAS, Get Ready To Read! Screening Day collaborations between non-profits, business, educational, and medical sectors offer parents awareness of their children's strengths and needs through early identification; and

WHEREAS, Get Ready To Read! Screening Day partners provide families with specific targets to prevent reading delays, intervene in early at-risk symptoms, and to enrich each child's opportunity toward becoming a successful reader; and

WHEREAS, Get Ready To Read! Screening Day activities provide parents with partnership materials and contacts that are designed to assist preschool age children (3-5 yrs.) in achieving their full potential;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 12, 2008 as

*** GET READY TO READ! SCREENING DAY ***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

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Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** SAFE PROM & GRADUATION SEASON ***

[M08-169]

WHEREAS, alcohol is the most common substance abused by Arizona teens; and

WHEREAS, alcohol-related injuries are the leading cause of death before age 21; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2006 Arizona Youth Survey, the average age of first regular alcohol use is approximately 14; and

WHEREAS, consuming alcohol before age 21 is not a "rite of passage", and can cause long- and short-term damage to the adolescent brain; and

WHEREAS, high school prom and graduation seasons historically cause a spike in youth alcohol-related accidents; and

WHEREAS, most Arizona high school students indicate that their parents have not spoken to them about the dangers of drinking alcohol; and

WHEREAS, surveyed parents and other adults underestimate how often their children consume alcohol as well as their own power to prevent it;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 1-June 15, 2008 as

*** SAFE PROM & GRADUATION SEASON ***

and encourage citizens of all ages to help ensure safe, alcohol-free prom and graduation celebrations for our youth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

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*** WILDFIRE AWARENESS WEEK ***

[M08-165]

WHEREAS, Arizona's fire weather is dominated by long-term cyclic drought and the effects of global climate change; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's forests have been severely impacted by insect and disease outbreaks, and its deserts invaded by exotic weedy species; and

WHEREAS, the population and development of communities in the wild land-urban interface continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's Wildfire Environment has irrevocably changed and the number and severity of wild land fires in Arizona continues to increase, threatening both life and property; and

WHEREAS, there is a critical need to reduce the number of human-caused fires through education in the areas representing the most significant wild land fire risk; and

WHEREAS, rural communities need to plan and act to protect their investment in their property through better road access, design, building materials, landscaping and maintenance of their homes and property; and

WHEREAS, we all share the responsibility of managing and preventing wildfires;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 21-27, 2008 as

*** WILDFIRE AWARENESS WEEK ***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

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*** ARIZONA STATE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION DAY ***

[M08-170]

WHEREAS, Arizona's State employees make a significant contribution to the well-being and quality of life for all citizens of our State; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's State employees preserve public safety and the health of our citizens, protect our clean air and water, care for less fortunate members of society, rehabilitate and counsel people in need, preserve our economic well-being by attracting and supporting commerce, build and maintain our highways, schools, and other infrastructure, administer jus-

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tice, protect citizens' rights, care for victims of crimes, inspect our food, license our cars, help educate our children, make astounding advances in medicine, science and technology, and handle a host of other essential duties the public entrusts to them; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated individuals strive daily to perform their jobs with professionalism and integrity and to make government services more accessible and responsive to the needs of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, their devotion and commitment to State service often continues through volunteer activities outside of official business hours and into retirement years; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to set aside a day during Public Employee Recognition Week to honor and recognize all State employees and to give the general public an opportunity to learn more about their State government and outstanding employees who serve them; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is privileged to join other States across the Nation on May 7, 2008, to express special appreciation and gratitude to state employees for their hard work, sacrifices, and unselfish spirit of dedication to the citizens of our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2008 as

*** ARIZONA STATE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION DAY ***

throughout the State, and encourage all Arizonans to recognize our state employees for their hard work, sacrifices and dedication to the people across the Grand Canyon State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

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ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** ARIZONA CLASSICS WEEK ***

[M08-172]

WHEREAS, the Arizona Junior Classical League, an organization dedicated to the continued study of the Classics, is a longstanding member of the National Junior Classical League, the largest Classics youth organization in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Junior Classical League is comprised of Latin, Greek, and Classics middle school and 444 elementary through high school students in eight schools in four cities across the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Arizona Junior Classical League is to further the recognition of the traditional, enduring qualities of the Classics in our literature, language, architecture, fine arts, governmental structure, law, and the broad aspects of science; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Junior Classical League affirms the perennial link between the Classics and progress in education and community service ventures in the State of Arizona, as Latin, Greek, and Greco-Roman civilization remain fundamental to our understanding of our own language, culture, and intellectual future; and

WHEREAS, the members and sponsors of schools in the Arizona Junior Classical League and the teachers of Classical programs throughout the State of Arizona encourage celebration of the Greco-Roman legacy in order to further and foster their students' dedication to the integral principles of the Classics; and

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WHEREAS, Arizona Classics Week centered on April 21, the traditional anniversary of the founding of the city of ancient Rome, provides a momentous occasion for the celebration of the American Classical tradition through educational ventures, publicity activities, and community-service endeavors across the State of Arizona;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 21-27, 2008 as

*** ARIZONA CLASSICS WEEK ***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

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G O V E R N O R

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*** BETA SIGMA PHI WEEK ***

[M08-175]

WHEREAS, Beta Sigma Phi is an international women's friendship network established April 30, 1931 in Abilene, Kansas that provides educational programs to its members and opportunities for service to others with approximately 165,000 members of which 2,344 Arizona women participate; and

WHEREAS, there is no greater service than that which is a service to fellow human beings, and since this reaching out to touch and better the world has become a guiding factor in the contributions of this organization; and

WHEREAS, world-wide projects have included donations to Alzheimer's Association, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Cystic Fibrosis, Multiple Sclerosis, Ranch Hope, Inc., Mid-America Heart Institute, and many other national foundations. In Arizona, donations include support of St. Elizabeth's of Hungary Breast Cancer Detection Unit in Tucson, Maricopa County Hospital, Phoenix Children's Hospital, Veteran's Hospital, John C. Lincoln Outreach Programs, West Valley Child Crisis Center, Downtown Urban Community Kids, HomeBase Teen Shelter, Komen Race for the Cure, Arizona Beta Sigma Phis Against Domestic Abuse, Faith House, New Life Center, numerous food banks, homeless shelters, our military, and many more; and

WHEREAS, Beta Sigma Phi, by providing support and genuine concern in all these areas, has benefited many organizations and individuals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 20-26, 2008 as

*** BETA SIGMA PHI WEEK ***

and do urge all Arizonans to take time to recognize the services this organization has rendered and to acknowledge the importance of these noble endeavors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

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*** NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH MONTH ***

[M08-173]

WHEREAS, good mental health is a key to the academic, employment and social success of persons of all ages; and

WHEREAS, mental health problems do not discriminate – they know no race, creed, age limit or economic status; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis and treatment of mental health problems can help children reach their full potential; and feeling depressed or hopeless is not a normal part of growing older and individuals can continue to grow and enjoy life at any age; and

WHEREAS, seeking help is not a sign of weakness, and taking care of ourselves is an act of strength; and

WHEREAS, recovery is possible, and with the right treatment and support, individuals can be productive, have improved quality of life and live in communities of their choice; and

WHEREAS, investing in effective mental health programs saves lives and money; and not investing leads to unnecessary costs, disability and premature death;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 2008 as

*** NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH MONTH ***

and urge all Arizonans to join me in increasing awareness of the importance of mental health and the need for appropriate, accessible services for all individuals with mental health disorders.

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*** ONCOLOGY NURSING MONTH ***

[M08-174]

WHEREAS, oncology nurses serve tens of thousands of Arizona citizens diagnosed with cancer every year; and

WHEREAS, oncology nurses have demonstrated excellence in patient care, teaching, research, administration, and education in the field of oncology nursing; and

WHEREAS, oncology nurses endeavor to educate the public in the prevention and treatment of cancer; and

WHEREAS, oncology nurses make a difference in the lives of patients with cancer and their loved ones;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 2008 as

*** ONCOLOGY NURSING MONTH ***

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*** PLUMBING INDUSTRY WEEK ***

[M08-171]

WHEREAS, the professional plumber plays a vital role in protecting the health, safety and comfort of society; and

WHEREAS, professional plumbers are leaders in new technologies that improve and maintain the essential infrastructure our country so desperately depends on; and

WHEREAS, the plumbing industry plays a significant role in our economy as well, as the majority of plumbing contractors are small business owners, who help create jobs in this country; and

WHEREAS, 2008 is a special year for plumbers with the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors—National Association, which represents 4,100 contractors and 85,000 technicians in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the anniversary celebration will culminate with the observance of National Plumbing Industry Week, April 30-May 3, 2008, which will focus attention on the role of the P-H-C industry in safeguarding the nation's environment and the safety, health and comfort of its people; and

WHEREAS, National Plumbing Industry Week will occur in conjunction with the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors—National Association's 2008 Leadership and Legislative Conference, during which members of PHCC will visit legislators on Capitol Hill and participate in educational sessions to prepare for the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 30-May 3, 2008 as

*** PLUMBING INDUSTRY WEEK ***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

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